

HOLT CHAMBER OF TRADE

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd February 2016
at The Barn, Chapel Yard, Holt at 5.35pm

Ian Furniss	The Tannery	07818405564
Martin Sanders	Larkin Gowen	712017
Charles Butler	Butler's Pantry	711867
Duncan Baker	Bakers and Larners of Holt	712244
Len Casey	Community Media	768156
Sandra Taylor Meeds	Budgens	713734
David Makinson	The Holt Bookshop	715858

Present: Ian Furniss, Duncan Baker, Len Casey, Nigel Emmett, Lindsay Furniss, Amanda Heading, Michael Hill, Teresa Hill, Laura Howell, Linda Mossiman, Martin Sanders. Rodney Smith, Helen Stoker, Patsy Withers.

2. Minutes of 4th November 2015 The minutes were approved by all present.

3. Presentation by Paul Rayner of Smith & Pinching on the new pension scheme and automatic enrolment

4. Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair: Ian asked for nominations for Vice Chair, Len Casey nominated Leila Khadourri, there were no other nominations. There were no nominations for Chairman. This nomination will be carried forward to the next meeting.

5. Car Parking: How we respond to the NNDC decision to NNDC decision not to invest in a car park in Holt.

6. Town Council Report: The issue of the A board had been dealt with but a partially sighted resident had reported that on one day there had been 30 plus obstacles on the pathway between Feeneys and Barclays, including delivery vans parked on the pavement.

There had been many compliments received following the 1940's weekend.

There would be a walk round the Heritage (Owl) trail on 28th to find sites for the plaques and to check surfaces were suitable for the plaques.

There had been some correspondence regarding parking on Cley Road/Peerers Close/Wynn Close. Following a meeting there will be white lines on the corners, this will take away two spaces but will allow access for large vehicle i.e. emergency vehicles and dustcarts. No further action will be taken at this time.

The Town Council had decided not to join with High Kelling on a project for a mobile speed sign.

7. Treasurers Report: No report submitted. A full report would be given at the AGM.

8. Businesses Opening and Closing: Following the suggestion that another charity shop was coming to the Railway the discussion moved to how the Chamber could help attract other businesses into the town. There was feeling that people were not being attracted to the Town because of the parking problems. It was agreed Ian and Duncan would approach Cockertons to talk about attracting business and how they/we could do this. The meeting was reminded that the Town thrives on its individuality and we should be careful who we invite.

The meeting was warned that the VOA appear to be targeting the Town regarding rates. Any improvements to the premises are considered an asset to the business and could attract a rent increase.

9 AOB. Greshams had issued an invitation to a business breakfast on 8th December at the school. The e mail would be passed on to members, who were encouraged to become involved.

Speakers for the AGM were confirmed as 'walking with the wounded' and North Norfolk Railway, Ian said this should be well publicised to members.

Ian asked people to consider nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair.

Bakers and Larners confirmed they would be opening Sundays from and including 29th November to 27th December and encouraged others to follow suit. It was pointed out that not all businesses were busy at this time of year and not all would benefit from opening.

Teresa Hill suggested with the coming of the workplace pensions which everyone would need to be aware of and take action on, a presentation at the February meeting would be useful. Duncan would organise this.

Helen was thanked for the use of the venue.

The next meeting will be the AGM on Wednesday 2nd December 2015 at 5.35.

Venue the Small Lounge, The Community Centre, Kerridge Way.

There will be no meeting in January.

The meeting closed at 7pm.